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ICELANDIC NEWSPAPER ARTICLE TRANSLATION - 5 JULY 1975

1. SUMMARY: THJODVILJINN NEWSPAPER CONTINUES FRONT PAGE COVERAGE
OF CABLE STORY AND CLAIMS CREDIT FOR OBTAINING "CONFESSION" FROM
ARMED FORCES AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. END SUMMARY

2. HEADLINE FROM PAGE 1: "THE STOKKSNES CABLE PART OF THE EQUIP-

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MENT OF THE ARMED FORCE WHICH CONCERNS THE 'SECURITY AFFAIRS' OF

THE COUNTRY AND CONSEQUENTLY IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT IT: A CONFESSION FROM THE ARMED FORCE AND THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

"AFTER TWO WEEKS OF WRITINGS IN THJODVILJINN, ABOUT THE CABLE MATTER OFF STOKKSNES, THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES AND THE 'DEFENSE FORCE' HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO CONFESS TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE SUBMARINE CABLE. THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS COMPELLED TO DEMAND A REPORT FROM THE ARMED FORCE AND, ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT THE SUBMARINE CABLE IS A PART OF THE SECURITY EQUIPMENT OF THE ARMED FORCE.

"SINCE THE CABLE CONCERNS THE SECURITY AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY, IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE TO GIVE FURTHER EXPLANATIONS UPON DETAILS NOR IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO ENTER THE CABLE INTO NAVIGATION CHARTS.

"THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DOES NOT HAVE ANY COMMENT TOV OFFER, ACCORDING TO THE NEWS RELEASE, UPON THE FACT THAT THE ARMED FORCE INSTALLS SUBMARINE CABLES HERE INSIDE THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS, WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES. CONSEQUENTLY THERE ARE MANY THINGS UNEXPLAINED CONCERNING THE ESPIONAGE CABLES OF THE ARMED FORCE AND OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITH OF THE ARMED FORCE IN THIS COUNTRY CARRIED OUT WITHOUT THE KNOWLDG OF THE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES. CONSEQUENTLY THERE IS A NEED FOR A FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

"THE FOLLOWING IS A NEWS RELEASE, WHICH THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS COMPELLED TO ISSUE DUE TO THE EXPOSURES BY THJODVILJINN:

'ACCORDING TO A WISH FROM THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE DEFENSE FORCE IN ICELAND HAS SUBMITTED A REPORT UPON THE BREAKING OF THE SUBMARINE CABLE, WHICH ENTERS THE SEA OFF STOKKSNES. THE SUBMARINE CABLE IN QUESTION IS A PART OF THE EQUIPMENT OF THE DEFENSE FORCE IN ICELAND AND SINCE THIS IS A MATTER WHICH CONCERNS THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GO INTO FURTHER DETAILS OF THE REPORT. THE MINISTRY IS CONVINCED THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THE SUBMARINE CABLE AND ITS USE HARMONIZES IN EVERY WAY THE OBJECTIVE CONTAINED IN THE OPERATION OF THE DEFENSE STATION AND THE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR THE COUNTRY."

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